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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**TWO PARKE COUNTY MEN CHARGED PASSING
COUNTERFEIT \$100 BILLS AND RELATED CHARGES**

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that MATTHEW A. RINGWALD, 24, Clinton, Indiana, was indicted by a federal grand jury sitting in Indianapolis for producing counterfeit bills, passing counterfeit bills, and conspiracy, and BRIAN N. BECK, 24 of Rosedale, Indiana, was indicted for passing counterfeit bills and conspiracy following an investigation by the United States Secret Service in conjunction with the Avon Police Department and the Parke County Sheriff's Department.

The indictment alleges that RINGWALD produced \$100 federal reserve notes (\$100 bills) in March 2005 and that RINGWALD and BECK passed some of the bills at a Menard's and Meijer store in Avon, Indiana, on April 8, 2005.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Donna R. Eide, who is prosecuting the case for the government, the two defendants face a maximum possible prison sentences of 20 years and a maximum possible fine of \$250,000. An initial hearing will be scheduled before a U.S. Magistrate Judge in Indianapolis.

The indictment is an allegation only, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at trial or by guilty plea.

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